

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
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OF  
PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
1922



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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Deceased.

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GEORGE F. HOAR, . . . . .	1891-1904
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CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
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GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1920
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CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
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JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1922

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**LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1922.**

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood, . . . . .	20
Goodwill Park, . . . . .	139
Rocky Narrows, . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park, . . . . .	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, . . . . .	260
The Pine Knoll, . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hill, . . . . .	50

**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by

law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**OF MEMBERS.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:—

*First.*—The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.*—The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.*—The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.*—The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.*—Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.*—If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence

of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-second annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, has been cared for as usual by the Metropolitan District Commission through the Parks Division. This holding came first into the possession of the Trustees in 1892, and, as indicated by the bronze tablet attached to a boulder therein, is dedicated to the memory of Virginia Tudor by her mother, Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor. It contains a most interesting tree growth, and is especially noted for a grove of large and very beautiful pines and hemlocks. In 1894 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Metropolitan Park Commission, acquired for a public park a tract of land containing about 2,000 acres, located in Stoneham, Melrose, Malden, Medford and Winchester, and long known as the Middlesex Fells, and Virginia Wood was practically included within the boundaries of this State Reservation. Since then Virginia Wood, with the assent of the Trustees, has been cared for by the Park Commission and its successor, the Metropolitan District Commission, as if it were an integral part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and has received the same care and development as was given to the Reservation. The boundary stones of the Wood, however, have been preserved, and the dedicatory tablet already referred to properly maintained. It seems desirable, both to your Committee and to the District Commission, that the existing arrangement, which has proved to be advantageous for the Wood and the Reservation and for the visiting public, should be perpetuated by a legal transfer of the land from

the one body to the other, to be made, of course, under such stipulations as will forever maintain the memorial character of the gift, and ensure its proper care in perpetuity. Such action, however, seems to require legislative authority, and therefore your Committee has introduced a bill in the present session of the General Court, which, if enacted, will authorize such action. Virginia Wood at the present time is in excellent condition. The pine and hemlock growth escaped serious damage from the November ice storm of 1921, and the pruning of the injured hardwood trees has resulted in a considerable recovery. The luxuriant growth of flowering dogwood, with its background of evergreens, continues to be in its season of bloom one of the most beautiful sights of the Fells.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, does not call for special mention this year. The town of Falmouth made its usual annual appropriation of \$300 for its maintenance, which sum has been expended by the local committee in repairs of the roads, mowing of open spaces, trimming of trees and removing dead ones. The red pines set out two years ago are progressing satisfactorily, and further planting is contemplated. Particular attention was given this year to the repair and renewal of the settees in the Park, which had gradually been getting into bad condition.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, as was stated in last year's report, suffered much damage from a forest fire in 1921, and required serious attention. Following the advice of a competent forester your Committee decided to have the trees which were killed by the fire removed under a contract, and at the same time to permit the contractor to cut and take away a certain number of trees to be chosen and marked by the forester, the removal of which would, in his opinion, improve the forest conditions in the Park. Your Committee regrets to report that the contractor has not completed his work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and is asking an extension of time on the ground of the weather conditions of last winter and spring. This is a matter which must necessarily be referred to the Standing Committee elected at this meeting. The local com-

mittee suggests the possibility of obtaining a more direct and convenient approach to Mount Ann from the highway. This also is a matter for the consideration of the new Committee.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River, in Sherborn, should, in the opinion of the local committee, be reported on by a competent forester, and a certain amount of clearing up of the wooded portion be carried out as soon as funds therefor are available. Last year it was reported that the privileges extended to campers in this Reservation had been abused, and that it was desirable, if possible, to provide inspection for this rather remote and isolated spot. This service has been most satisfactorily supplied through the courtesy of the State Department of Conservation. The Director of the Department of Fisheries and Game has authorized the Warden of the Division in which Rocky Narrows is situated to include the Reservation in the district patrolled by him, and to warn any one found doing harm of any kind and to assist in the prosecution of any offenders. The result appears to have been most successful, as shown by a letter received from the superintendent of the Medfield Hospital, which is located on the opposite bank of the river, expressing satisfaction at the improvement of conditions. The Trustees and the public are indebted to the Department and its efficient officers for the service rendered.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, has only called for routine work during the year. The elms along Adams Street were sprayed and are in good condition. The grass was cut on the main part of the Field, and the sprout growth on the lower part of the property was cut over. If done annually, this cutting of the sprout growth should become less of a task from year to year. But as the use of the grounds becomes greater, the removal of rubbish becomes more of a burden. The Trustees, under the will of Mary A. Cunningham, have again contributed \$100 towards the care and development of this holding.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, is now cared for most satisfactorily by the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge. One of the terms of the agreement



of transfer, which is printed as an Appendix to last year's report, is that the Association should report to the Trustees each year what has been done in the Reservation. The following is the report for the year 1922:

JAN. 22, 1923.

REPORT OF THE MONUMENT MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE OF THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION OF STOCKBRIDGE.

Work has been done the past year in clearing up for planting, repairing paths and placing sign boards.

A contract was made with the United Forestry Company of Niverville, N. Y., for the planting of white pine, and under the direction of Paul T. Winslow, Forest Engineer, 27,000 white pine seedlings were planted, and 700 red pine that had been left heeled-in at the time of a previous planting were also planted. The United Forestry Company was doing timbering and forestry work on the watershed of the Stockbridge Water Company under the direction of Mr. Winslow, and as they were already working there we thought it advisable to deal with them.

Automobile parties picnicking on the edge of the Reservation near the highway leave a great deal of unsightly débris which we have been obliged to clean up at times, and at some expense. We have enclosed a small tract of land, to be designated as a picnic ground, near the highway, hoping that it will be easier to deal with this nuisance. The Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce has offered the Laurel Hill Association \$100 to be used for the placing of signs designating paths and trails. Mr. E. B. Drumm has continued timbering dead chestnut on the west side of the cliffs. The roadway leading around on the west side to what is known as "picnic rock," is in a bad condition, but work and expense there would be useless until the timbering and hauling out of dead chestnut logs is discontinued.

Mr. Heath, Treasurer of the Laurel Hill Association, will send in the financial report.

Respectfully,

EDWARD B. OWEN,  
*For the Committee.*

*Treasurer's Report.*

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1922		\$2,134 09
Receipts during calendar year 1922:		
Feb. 28.	From E. B. Donovan, rent	\$20 00
March 9.	From John S. Ames, Trustee	190 00
Sept. 12.	From John S. Ames, Trustee	190 00
		400 00
		\$2,534 09
Paid during calendar year 1922:		
Feb. 27.	E. B. Donovan, labor	\$60 00
March 23.	Aspinwall & Lincoln, plans	6 00
April 1.	George L. Buck, labor	88 25
April 15.	George L. Buck, labor	52 50
May 29.	The United Forestry Co., planting	1,004 50
June 8.	E. B. Donovan	19 50
July 10.	Aspinwall & Lincoln, plans	6 00
Oct. 10.	Charles Wolf, labor	59 50
Oct. 10.	W. E. Patterson, labor	25 00
		1,321 25
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1922		1,212 84
		\$2,534 09

RALPH E. HEATH,  
*Treasurer.*

*The Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, has been cared for in the usual manner. It was the intention of the Committee to continue this year the fencing on the northerly and easterly boundaries as recommended in their last report, but the custodian reported that it was impossible to obtain the necessary labor therefor, and consequently it was necessary to postpone the work until next spring or summer.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, required considerable attention after the ice storm of the previous year. During last winter and spring, and again this fall, so long as the weather permitted, dead and broken trees were removed from the vicinity of the paths on the north side of the hill. This work will be renewed and completed in the spring. There also remains some of the chestnut growth which is dying and may be cut if there appears to be a market for

it. The pines which were planted two years ago are growing well. The pipe which connects the spring with the drinking fountain near the entrance has rusted out and requires renewal in the spring.

Logs have been cut for new seats along the paths and at points of view in the Reservation, and will be put in place when the season opens. Some difficulties have arisen in reopening the view to the South from the summit of the hill, as it would require cutting of trees on land not owned by the Trustees. It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that the purchase of a few acres at the top of the hill and south of the Reservation boundary would include a ledge from which there is an unobstructed view towards Northampton and Holyoke. Negotiations with the owner have been begun and a favorable result is anticipated.

By the recent death of Mrs. Estabrook, widow of the late Arthur F. Estabrook, the legacy in his will of \$25,000 to the Trustees becomes available, and payments on account of the same have already been received by the Treasurer. This generous gift from a former member of the Corporation has already been commented upon in a previous report. It is the largest gift ever received by the Trustees from an individual, and as it is unrestricted, will be added to the General Purpose Fund, to which it will be a most welcome addition.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,  
*Standing Committee.*

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1922.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.*For Virginia Wood.*

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.  
\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s.  
\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s.  
\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

\$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).  
\$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.  
\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).  
\$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$1,940 41
Coupons on above securities held for this fund . . . . .	345 00
Interest on deposits . . . . .	121 37
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	\$2,406 78
Deficit on Pine Knoll transferred to this account \$209 27	
Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for annual report and envelopes . . . . .	138 60
Paid John Woodbury, postage and printing notices . . . . .	22 84
Postage on returns to assessors . . . . .	1 08
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	371 79
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$2,034 99

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .		\$721 25
To subscriptions from Trustees under the will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field . . . . .		100 00
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		\$821 25
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for cutting brush . . . . .	\$49 20	
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for spraying . . . . .	11 00	60 20
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .		\$761 05

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .		\$675 09
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s . . . . .		40 00
Sale of timber . . . . .		25 00
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		\$740 09
Paid Coolidge, Brooks & Rogers, services as foresters . . . . .		71 20
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		\$668 89

## PINE KNOLL.

Jan. 1, 1922, by balance . . . . .		\$209 27
To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s . . . . .		35 00
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		\$174 27
Deficit transferred to General Purpose Fund . . . . .		209 27
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .		\$35 00

## PETTICOAT HILL.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .		\$602 59
To coupons on American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s . . . . .		40 00
Sale of wood . . . . .		100 00
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		\$742 59
Paid George A. Thresher for care of hill . . . . .		25 00
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .		\$717 59

## GOODWILL PARK.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance . . . . .		\$50 41
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .		\$50 41

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Interest on securities held for this account . . . . .	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year . . . . .	\$380 00

## ROCKY NARROWS.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03

## VIRGINIA WOOD.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance . . . . .	\$1,965 03
To coupons on bonds held for this account . . . . .	115 00
	\$2,080 03
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$2,080 03

## TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.	CR.
Cash . . . . . \$6,396 99	General Purpose Fund \$2,034 99
	Governor Hutchinson's
	Field . . . . . 761 05
	Mount Ann Park . . . . . 668 89
	Petticoat Hill . . . . . 717 59
	Goodwill Park . . . . . 50 41
	Rocky Narrows . . . . . 49 03
	Pine Knoll . . . . . 35 00
	Virginia Wood . . . . . 2,080 03
\$6,396 99	\$6,396 99

JOHN S. AMES,  
*Treasurer.*

FEB. 8, 1923.

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1922, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,  
*Committee on Audit.*





The Big White Oak, Petticoat Hill.



## APPENDIX.

## PETTICOAT HILL, FOR EXAMPLE.

BY FRANK A. WAUGH.

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In western Hampshire County steep hills command no special premium. Even when they have a good stand of timber they are considered valuable chiefly to the lumberman. At the very foot of Petticoat Hill itself stands a thriving sawmill, which obviously could not keep piling up its sawdust cones unless timber cutting were a going business. Yet the sawmill is one of the very clearest reasons for the present status of Petticoat Hill.

For this is not just a common hill with a common stand of second-growth mixed hardwoods on it; this is a State reservation with a bronze tablet set in a stone at the front entrance. The inscription on the tablet reads:

PETTICOAT HILL  
 GIVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF THE  
 TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
 BY  
 MARTHA WINSLOW NASH  
 IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND  
 EDWARD WORTHINGTON NASH  
 A LOVER OF NATURE  
 1906

In short, we have here a beautiful woodland park typifying several principles of great importance in the cultural life of this interesting young American race.

## MAKING A MEMORIAL OF NATURE.

As a memorial what could be finer than this? In fact, do we not have here the very model for all those communities, all those posts of the American Legion, and all other public

bodies now seeking the best means to memorialize our friends and comrades who failed to return from the Great War? Town parks and forests have been frequently suggested of late as appropriate memorials. Any one who cares to see how it seems may drive up to Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and satisfy himself fully. A half-day scrambling over Petticoat Hill, walking through the cool forest, resting on the convenient seats, drinking from the big spring, looking out at the inspiring distances, ought to convince anybody that such a memorial is worth while.

#### PRESERVING LOCAL SCENERY.

The second great principle here illustrated is that type examples of local scenery ought to be preserved. At this point America has sinned terribly — excessively. From the vast regions of aboriginal forest a visitor can now find only rarely and at far intervals some trifling reminder of what God meant this country to look like. Even in the prairie States the prairies have been generally obliterated, and in place of the ancient story written with blue-stem, bunch-grass and buffalo-grass, with purple astragalus, prairie sage, and upstanding compass-plants, there is inscribed a new story of wheat and corn and alfalfa. No one need regret the transformation, except that it has been too complete. There ought to be some adequate and legible remnants of the prairies kept for succeeding generations.

The fact is, the common college graduate, mill worker, floor-walker, member of the Legislature, or hotel barber does not appreciate the importance of saving good specimens of local scenery. Each of these representatives of general society does actually love the landscape, and goes fishing, golfing, or picnicking in it whenever possible, but he no more considers the public duty of protecting it than he thinks it his business to look after the State's water supply. That is why a concrete example like Petticoat Hill is so significant.

In Belchertown, at the other end of Hampshire County, is another reservation of local scenery equally worthy of mention. This is a deep, rocky, picturesque glen with heavily wooded slopes above and a courageous little stream below. The name commemorates the youth of the author, James G. Holland, spent in this neighborhood. The land was recently bought by public subscription and is held by the trustees of the Belchertown Historical Society.

Still another example of delightful landscape which enjoys a neighborhood reputation and use is found in Whately Glen, in the neighboring town of Whately. Here a considerable brook comes down from the hills through a gorge of heavily faulted granite. There is a whole chromatic scale of waterfalls from A altissimo down to G below the cow pasture. The big ones roar in the gloomy shadows like lions in the jungle; the little ones flash over the sunny ripples like butterflies on the milkweed blossoms. Here, shut in by the towering hills, shaded by the woods and sung to by the tumbling waterfalls, is one of the finest picnic grounds I have ever seen, and I do not forget Schoenbrunn, the Bois de Boulogne, nor Maxwell's Grove on Sharps Creek in Kansas.

This delightful spot, well known and loved by the citizens of two counties, is nevertheless only partially preserved. It is still held partly in private ownership. The village of Deerfield has some water rights, but the public has no permanent picnic rights. Something ought to be done about it, and quite possibly something will. The trend of civilization lies that way.

#### GOVERNMENT AND LANDSCAPE.

Since we have begun to use these joyful bits of common scenery to illustrate general principles, we might as well carry our generalizations one step further. The preservation of good landscape is one of the highest functions of human government. The government has not generally found it out yet, but that does not alter the fact. The Federal government of these United States has lately taken to the protection of a few outstanding landscape features in the National Parks, a few others in the National Monuments, and the incidental, unintentional safeguarding of scenery in the National Forests. Some States have State parks and forests; others are waking up to the sound of the alarm clock, and are stretching themselves in a sleepy sort of way toward the same goal.

#### THE MORE LOCAL, THE MORE IMPORTANT.

But when this is all done, it is not enough — not nearly enough. Petticoat Hill, Whately Glen, and Holland Glen are not National Parks, they are not even State parks; they are merely indispensable. They are here in Massachusetts, where we live, right in our own neighborhood. We can go to see them two or three times a year if we have sense enough. One

could go to them as easily and as often as to the movies, with results possibly as good. They are a part of our daily environment. They help to make Massachusetts beautiful, and Massachusetts is the habitat of some millions of people who need beauty at home.

The general principle here is that local government is the most important — the more local, the more important. The government of our town concerns us more than the affairs of our State, and our State business affects us more seriously than anything they do in Washington; while any one can lately observe that national government is so much more important than world government that national governments will hardly permit the world order to emerge at all. Thus when it comes to that highly consequential function of government, — the reservation, protection, and publication of scenery, — the most serious concern in the whole program is that the local community should take care of its own picnic grounds.

This generalization applies without exception or qualification to every community. Has your neighborhood some exceptionally lovely spot, some lake, some stream, some hilltop outlook, some forest, better than the average and representative of your country at its best? Certainly you will want to keep it, to enjoy it, and to hand it down unimpaired to your grandchildren. Or is your neighborhood, on the contrary, destitute of all these glories? You will then certainly want to keep the best you have, and haply to improve it, so that you may not be ashamed among the neighbors of your State, nor your children unused to the beauties of their native land.

#### DRAWING A MORAL.

Either way, your town requires the best local park which your territory can supply, and the sooner your citizens come to themselves and do the right thing for themselves, the better it will be also for the popular human race, and especially for your immediate successors. It is not necessary to wait for an act of Congress, or even to get a bill through the Legislature. If you and your neighbors know what you want, there are forty ways to get it, and all of them better than getting it through Congress. Petticoat Hill is one example among thousands of what has already been done.



Whately Glen — Picnic Grounds and Cascade.











